

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Henry Alexander, et al.  
Serial No: 10/559,406 (PCT/DE04/01212)  
Intern. Filing Date: 6/4/2004  
Title: Method and Means for the Determination  
of Defined States or Modifications in  
the Mucus of the Uterus or in the  
Epithelium of Other Organs

**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 5 and 22 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation filed concurrently.

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 21 of the concurrently filed literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 22-34 to the specification.